

REFORM OF PEERS PERIL TO COALITION

British Cabinet May Split
Over Plan to Mend
House of Lords.

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, July 15.—The reform of the house of lords is a perennial problem in British politics and, according to many astute political observers, it may prove to be the rock on which the coalition cabinet will split. It is considered more than possible that this will be the result if the present government insists upon grasping the nettle firmly.

It is generally said that the conservatives want to reform the upper house of parliament by making it an iron-clad permanent conservative body, while the liberals are striving to dilute its conservatism as much as possible.

The government of former Premier Asquith reformed the lords by taking away its power to kill bills by standing in the house of commons, although it can postpone them by an annual vote for three years. The principal motive for this reform was to make liberal Irish legislation possible.

The upper house, next Tuesday, will deal with proposals of Prime Minister Lloyd George's cabinet, which resemble more a declaration of principles than a definite plan of reform. The government proposes that the membership of the house of lords consist of 250 members.

According to the present plan the house shall consist, in addition to peers of royal blood and law lords, of members elected from outside, including hereditary peers elected by their order and members nominated by the crown, the number of the latter to be fixed by statute. The terms of the elected lords also would be fixed by statute and they would be eligible for re-election.

The government proposes that the lords shall not reject or amend financial bills, and the question whether a given bill is a financial bill or not would be decided by a joint committee of the two houses.

Everybody apparently agrees that the present membership and working of the house of lords are unsatisfactory. All the plans for reform agree to the proposal to lessen the number and influence of the hereditary peers. There are now more than 600 in the house, many of whom are never seen there.

STAGE FOLK FACING CRISIS IN BRITAIN

More Than 4,000, Including
Many Americans, Now
Without Employment.

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LONDON, July 15.—England's theatrical crisis is daily growing more serious. More than 4,000 actors and actresses, including numerous Americans, are without employment and many are on the brink of starvation. Playhouse officials say it is the worst situation in the history of the stage.

Men and women who one time were billed as "stars" and who have devoted their lives and talents in giving pleasure to others are now existing in a wretched state of misery. Many of them have sold their jewelry and most of their clothing. Artists who in the past drew \$50 a night now get less than that in a week. But most of them are without engagements of any kind and are seeking help from benevolent institutions.

The causes are the wholesale closing of theaters due to lack of public support, the tendency of people to patronize the cinema in the interest of economy, and the general exodus of the population to seashore and country.

SCHOOLS BAR ESPERANTO

French Universities Allege It Is
Medium of Communism.

PARIS, July 15.—Espéranto has been barred from French universities. The international language, favored by a great many French societies, chambers of commerce and similar organizations, has lost caste with the leading French educators because, they declare, it is one of the favorite mediums for spreading communistic propaganda.

Leon Berard, minister of education, says there is no place for an international artificial tongue in French educational institutions which ought to devote themselves to teaching national cultural languages. Esperanto, he says, is his dictum placing a ban on it, "seeks to eliminate any reason for international culture and development of children's minds, and has become an instrument of systematic internationalization of every language and all original thought to express national development."

TOURISTS TO GERMANY.

Passport Bureau Thronged With
Americans Seeking Visas.

PARIS, July 15.—The recent troubles in Germany seem to constitute an attraction for many travelers. The German passport bureau in Paris has been overrun with applications for visas, particularly by Americans. They are told that their papers are good for all parts of Germany, except Bavaria, where tourists are still obliged to report to the police and get permission to remain in consideration of a fee for sojourn. American journalists are unusually closely questioned before visas are accorded.

HONOR AMERICAN GIRL.

PARIS, July 15.—The Countess de Chambrun, who was Miss Clara Longworth of Cincinnati, has just been awarded the Bordin prize by the French Academy for her "Giovanni Proclo," which was published last year. The prize is given as recompense for scholarly work of exceptional value.

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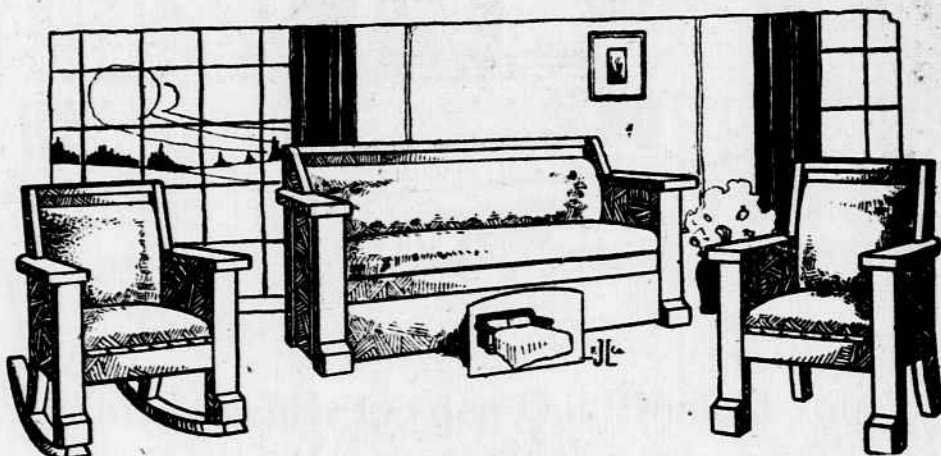
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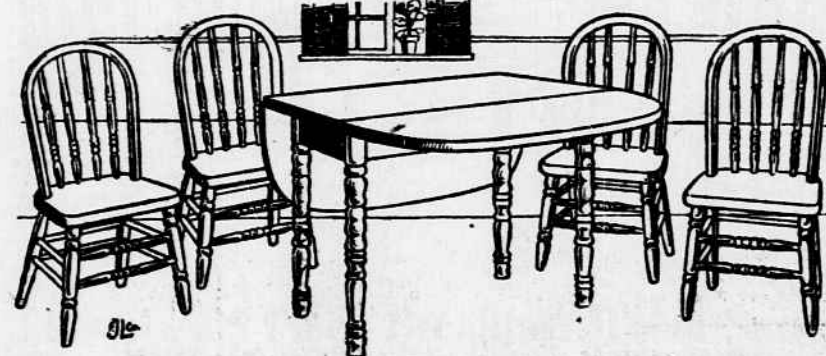
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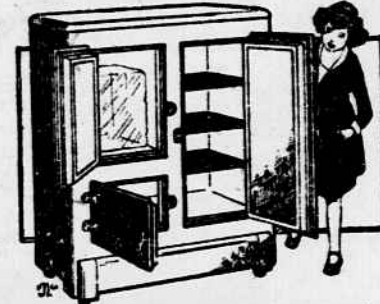


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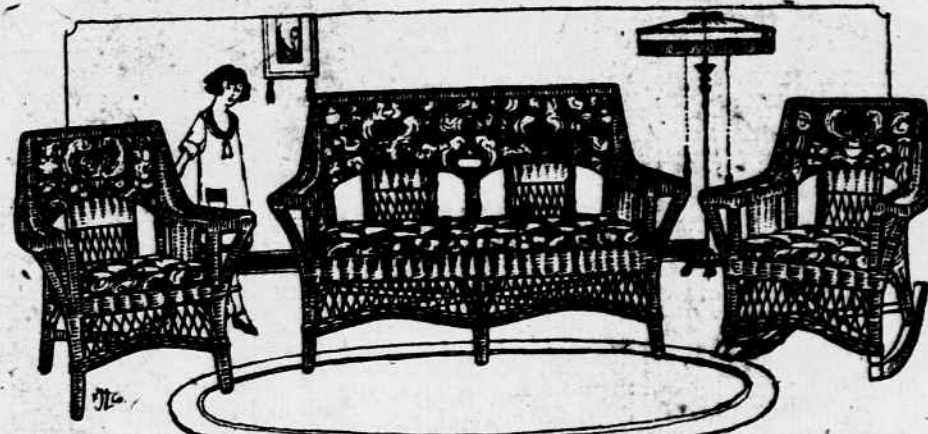
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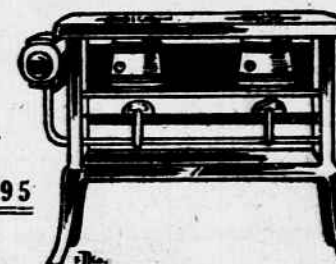
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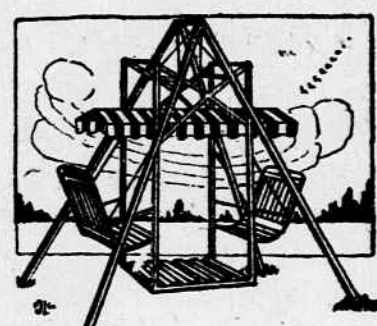
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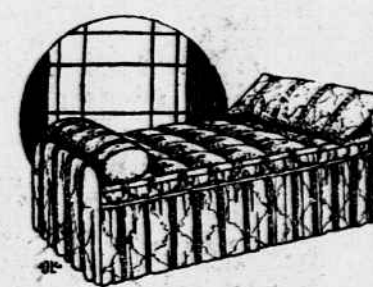
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